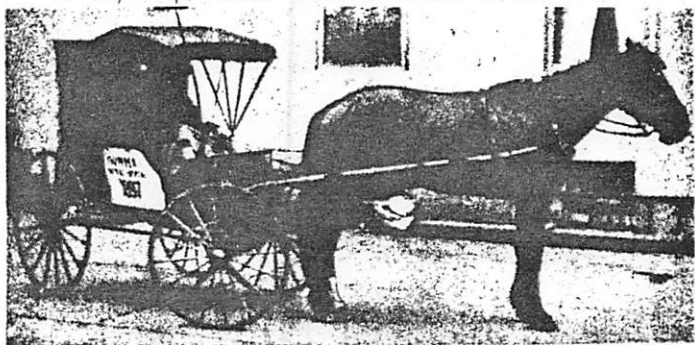


the bone off close up to the shoulder. The vessels were tied by threads left long enough so that they could be pulled out after the end had sloughed off. A clean white cloth was used for bandage. When it was all over, Baxter was denominated as "tough as an ox." "Couldn't kill a man like that" — and he didn't die — for he was sheriff of the town for long years after. It was this heroic story he went about telling in the town.

Anesthesia was known in those days. Ether was beginning to be used in 1846, and chloroform in 1872, but in this section when the amputation was resorted to, sometimes whiskey was given, or else the patient could curse or swear, or do both. Maybe my early memory is retroactive in my experience because under stress I in-



When the hurry-up call came, a physician had to hitch old Dobbin to the shay. A good horse was "must" for doctor.



Early-day doctors carried nonmedical equipment which was just as essential as a stethoscope.

